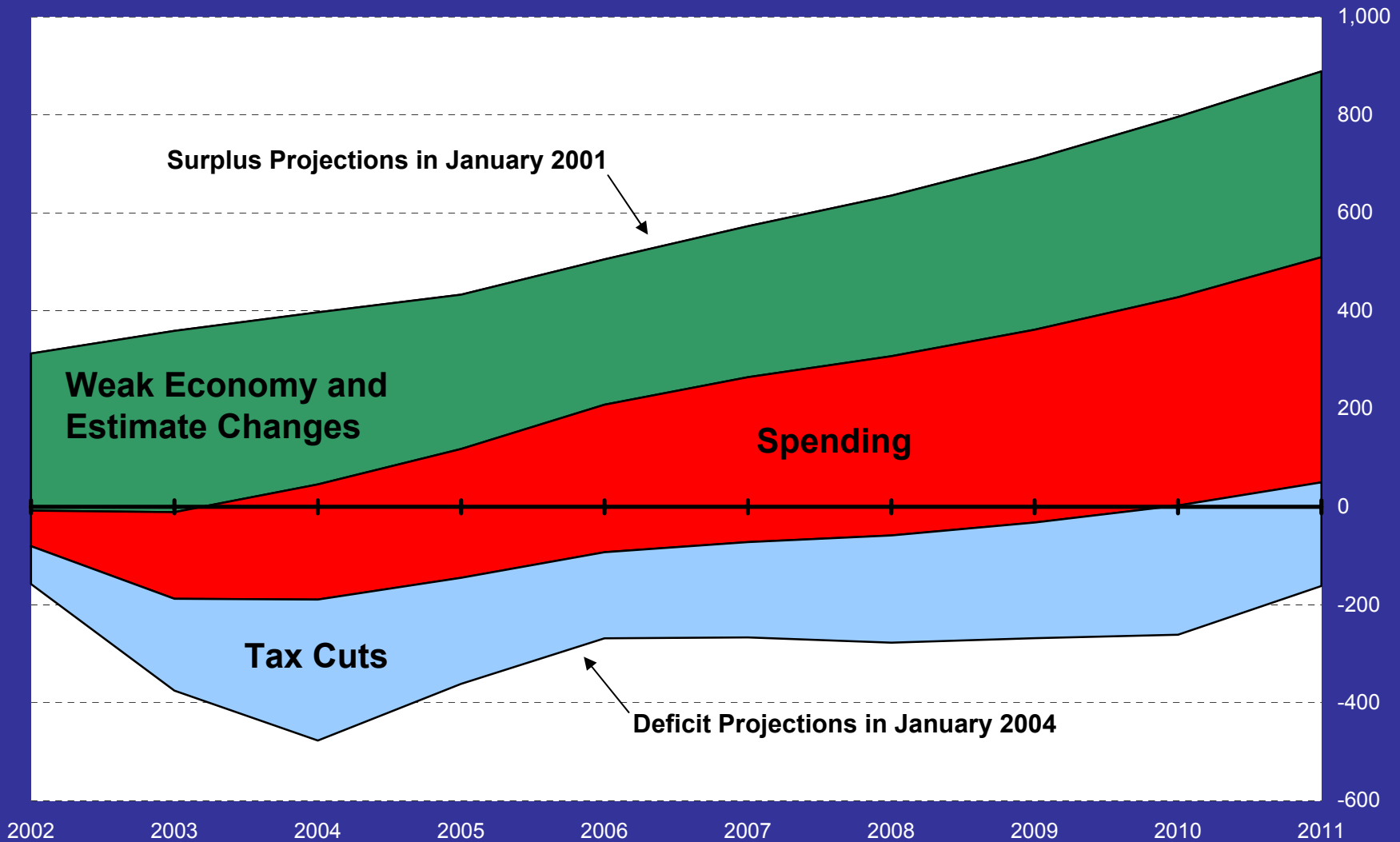


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(Changes to CBO's FY2002-2011 budget baseline from January 2001 to January 2004, in billions of dollars)



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